UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

United States of America,)	
Plaintiff,)	
VS.)	File No. 1:17-cr-16
Redfawn Fallis,)	
Defendant.)	

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF DIGITALLY RECORDED DETENTION HEARING

Taken at United States Courthouse Bismarck, North Dakota December 15, 2016

BEFORE THE HONORABLE CHARLES S. MILLER, JR.
-- UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGE --

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    Honorable Charles S. Miller, Jr., United States District Court
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    Magistrate Judge, presiding, commencing at 2:30 p.m.,
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    December 15, 2016, in the United States Courthouse, Bismarck,
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    North Dakota. The following partial proceedings were had and
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    made of record by digital recording in open court with the
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    defendant present.)
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              THE COURT: Okay. We'll go on the record in
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    Magistrate's Number 1-16-359, United States of America versus
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    Redfawn Fallis. Ms. Fallis is present, along with her
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    appointed counsel, Mr. Bellmore. Mr. Hagler is here on behalf
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    of the United States.
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              This is the time that the Court set for the hearing
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    on the issue of release or continued detention. The Court has
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    received a copy of the pretrial services' report. That will be
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    made a part of the record, and the parties can proffer any
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    additions or corrections. Mr. Hagler, you may proceed.
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              MR. HAGLER: Your Honor, before I do that, may I
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    inquire of the Court as to whether or not the Court will
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    consider the evidence that was presented at the preliminary
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    hearing in this matter?
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              THE COURT: Yes, I will.
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              MR. HAGLER: Your Honor, I would call Deputy Rusty
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Schmidt to testify at this time.

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1 OFFICER RUSTY SCHMIDT,

- 2 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
- 3 follows:

4 <u>DIRECT EXAMINATION</u>

- 5 BY MR. HAGLER:
- 6 Q. Please state your name.
- 7 A. Rusty Schmidt.
- 8 Q. And with whom are you employed, sir?
- 9 A. Pennington County Sheriff's Office.
- 10 Q. What position?
- 11 A. A deputy sheriff.
- 12 **Q.** How long have you been a deputy with Pennington County?
- 13 A. Seven years.
- 14 Q. Pennington County, Rapid City, South Dakota, is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. All right. You're a -- are you a licensed peace officer
- 18 in the state of South Dakota?
- 19 A. I am.
- 20 **Q.** Deputy Schmidt, were you in Morton County on October 27th
- of 2016 assisting local law enforcement in some law enforcement
- 22 action that day?
- 23 **A.** I was.
- 24 Q. The Court has heard some testimony on Monday of this week
- regarding some of the activity that occurred that day, and we

- 1 heard that there were a large number of law enforcement
- officers present on that -- throughout that day, correct?
- 3 A. Yep, that's correct.
- 4 Q. And in particular, Deputy Schmidt, what we're going to
- 5 talk about here this afternoon is the incident where the
- 6 defendant, Ms. Fallis, was found to be in possession of a
- 7 firearm. And you're familiar with that incident, correct?
- 8 A. I am.
- 9 Q. Just prior to that incident occurring, what were you
- 10 doing?
- 11 A. I was a part of arrest teams, so throughout the day we
- were -- we were tasked with the protesters that were throwing
- 13 stuff at law enforcement, refusing to move off the private
- 14 property. There was agitating in the riot, screaming, getting
- in the faces of law enforcement. We were tasked to arrest them
- if we could do so.
- 17 Q. Okay. And was an individual identified to be arrested
- 18 that was later identified as Redfawn Fallis?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 **Q.** And you were involved in that, correct?
- 21 **A.** I was.
- 22 Q. And you have reviewed a video of -- actually, Government's
- 23 Exhibit Number 2 from the preliminary hearing that shows some
- of what happened during that time, correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. I think before we show the video, I'm going to ask you to
- 2 describe what your involvement was with the takedown and the
- 3 arrest of Ms. Fallis that day.
- 4 A. Okay. I was -- again, I was kind of behind the skirmish
- 5 line of law enforcement. As an arrest team you stay behind
- 6 that skirmish line until you went to arrest somebody. Deputy
- 7 Thad Schmitt approached me and told me that there was a female
- 8 subject with a gas mask on who was getting in the face of law
- 9 enforcement, screaming at them, refusing to move right away as
- 10 they directed, and they wished her to be arrested if we could
- 11 do so. Thad pointed her out. I saw her.
- 12 It was a few minutes later -- a few moments later
- that the subject later identified as Redfawn Fallis, she kind
- of separated from the other group of protesters. She started
- walking east of 1806, the highway, and at that point, that's
- 16 when Deputy Thad Schmitt went through the line. I followed
- 17 him. He went and he ran down the line, wrapped up -- I would
- 18 say wrapped up the subject. And I ran around, and it appeared
- 19 she was already on the ground.
- 20 And at that point I just tried to get control over
- 21 her. She resisted us the whole time. We tried to -- our goal
- is to try to pull them back behind the skirmish line of law
- 23 enforcement, and she was pulling away from us. At one point
- 24 she had my -- my leg tied up. She wrapped her legs around one
- 25 of my legs. I pulled that free.

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We were able to get her on her stomach, and I -- at
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    that point I -- I was able to get a hold of her -- I believe it
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    was her right arm, and get that into a handcuffing position.
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    And just shortly before it was handcuffed. I still recall
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    seeing somebody with a flex cuff, about to put it on her wrist,
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    gunshot rang out, and I could actually see the round impacting
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    the ground right next to my knee. At that point I could see
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    the gun. She kind of -- it was underneath her stomach. She
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    kind of rolled over to the side. I could see the revolver
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    law enforcement officer ran around to assist, ran around to the
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    left side of me, the east side. And while I was still
    struggling with it, the gun, I had -- I told him to move
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    because the actual firearm was still -- was pointed at him just
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              I still didn't have a great grip on the firearm.
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    told Thad Schmitt to -- the exact verb -- I'm not positive of
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    the exact verbiage. I told him to get his gun on her. I was
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- 1 afraid that I was losing -- going to lose control of that gun
- 2 and she was going to continue shooting at us. Shortly after
- 3 that I was able to get -- get the gun free and hand it off.
- 4 And after that a law enforcement officer asked if
- 5 anyone was hit, and I -- I said I had to check my legs. I
- 6 wasn't sure. And they pulled me back and checked my legs and
- 7 checked my torso and --
- 8 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you this particular video now,
- 9 Deputy Schmidt.
- 10 (Exhibit 2, the video, is played in open court.)
- 11 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) All right. Can you see yourself
- 12 in that video now?
- 13 A. I can.
- 14 Q. And are you in the black helmet, black shirt, bent over?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 **Q.** Okay.
- 17 (Exhibit 2, the video, is again played in open
- 18 court.)
- 19 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) So at this point are you still
- 20 struggling to get the gun away from her?
- 21 A. I am.
- (Exhibit 2, the video, is again played in open
- 23 court.)
- 24 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) And then can you see here the
- 25 backside of an individual who is essentially wearing all

- 1 camouflage?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And he picked -- he picks up the gun in just a few
- 4 seconds here, if we watch closely, correct?
- 5 A. That's what it appears, yes.
- 6 **Q.** Okay.
- 7 (Exhibit 2, the video, is again played in open
- 8 court.)
- 9 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) Okay. Now, Deputy Schmidt, is
- 10 that -- is that you again in the all black? We see your right
- 11 -- your right arm and shoulder at that point?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And what were -- what were you doing now, at that
- 14 point that the gun had been taken away and she had been
- 15 subdued?
- 16 A. I was getting checked out, more or less. They wanted to
- 17 -- I said I had to check my legs because they were -- those
- 18 rounds impacted right there, so just inches from my knee, so
- 19 they laid me down here shortly afterwards and they --
- 20 (Exhibit 2, the video, is again played in open
- 21 court.)
- 22 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) And now we lose sight of you
- there behind all the other officers, but you're laying down,
- 24 and other officers are checking to see if you had been shot,
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- MR. HAGLER: Your Honor, that's all the questions I
- 3 have for this witness.
- 4 THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore?
- 5 MR. BELLMORE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 6 <u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>
- 7 BY MR. BELLMORE:
- 8 Q. Deputy Schmidt, so I'm clear on what direction everyone is
- 9 facing here, it's my understanding that part of this
- 10 Highway 1806, law enforcement was facing to the south?
- 11 A. I believe that's accurate.
- 12 Q. They were north of -- north of this line that was moving,
- 13 this --
- 14 A. Yeah, the law enforcement, I believe, were facing to the
- 15 south. And, yeah, the -- the struggle and all that is north of
- 16 the line, I believe.
- 17 Q. And the paused video right now at a minute and 29 seconds,
- 18 to the right of the screen we see a fence line. Would that be
- 19 to the east?
- 20 A. As far as I'm aware, I believe that's to the east, yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. And you testified that at some point Ms. Fallis was
- tackled to the ground?
- 23 A. Yeah, wrapped. I saw him wrap up around her and --
- 24 Q. And that was from a law enforcement officer other than
- 25 yourself.

- 1 A. Correct. I saw him wrap up, and as I ran around him, I
- 2 believe she's already on the ground or going to the ground.
- 3 Q. The office -- the officer or officers who were involved in
- 4 that pulled her out of the -- she's walking back to the protest
- 5 side of the line?
- 6 A. She was -- are you talking about prior?
- 7 Q. Yeah, prior to.
- 8 A. She was paralleling the law enforcement line and walking
- 9 to the east, I believe.
- 10 Q. And she's taken to the ground, and there's several
- officers surrounding her, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You describe that as she was resisting, right?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. How many officers would you say were involved in that
- 16 directly?
- 17 A. I don't know for sure initially. Eventually just -- I
- 18 mean, Deputy Thad Schmitt and I, and then more came in quickly
- 19 afterwards, so I would have to -- I could only rely on that to
- 20 gauge, you know, how many were actually there, five or six or
- 21 if -- I'd have to rely on the video because at that point I was
- 22 pretty focused on what I was doing.
- 23 Q. And with Ms. Fallis on the ground during the struggle,
- 24 where directionally were you positioned?
- 25 A. I was just -- I was on her side initially when I gained

- 1 control of her arm. I believe it was her right arm. I was
- 2 directly on her right side.
- 3 Q. From -- from behind?
- 4 A. I guess I don't know exactly what you're talking about.
- 5 From where they are now -- prior to when we're struggling, you
- 6 see me go over there. I'm -- when we get her on her stomach to
- 7 get her in a handcuffed position, I am on her right side. I
- 8 guess it would be to the east, I believe.
- 9 Q. And which direction would you be facing at that point?
- 10 A. I probably -- you know, I can only assume I was facing
- 11 west because I was looking across her as I'm holding her arm.
- 12 Q. And my understanding and from viewing the video is that
- 13 Ms. Fallis is -- her head is faced to the north, her feet to
- 14 the south or in that general direction?
- 15 A. I could say in that general direction.
- 16 Q. Okay. And she's -- she's on her -- she's face down when
- 17 she's on her --
- 18 A. Yep, she's on her stomach at this point.
- 19 Q. And the -- when the -- when the shots are fired -- and you
- 20 noticed the third particularly or visually.
- 21 A. Yeah. Yep, striking next to my knee.
- 22 Q. What direction would that have been going?
- 23 A. At that point I believe that would have been towards
- 24 the -- towards the east is where that would have been because I
- 25 was on the east side of her.

- 1 Q. So my understanding is she's on her belly shooting behind
- 2 her.
- 3 A. She'd be on her belly shooting to the side of her.
- 4 Q. And during the first -- first two shots that we heard --
- 5 well, let me go back. When did you -- when did you first
- 6 notice the revolver?
- 7 A. I believe it was after the third round.
- 8 Q. So you were right there on her, trying to manage her right
- 9 arm, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And you didn't notice or see the revolver at that time.
- 12 A. No, I believe it was under her stomach.
- 13 Q. So it's fair to say that it wasn't trained on any
- 14 particular officer?
- 15 A. I couldn't tell you. It was under her stomach.
- 16 Q. Now, there were other officers in the video. Did you
- observe any of them, you know, using any sort of physical
- 18 tactic to get her to ease the resistance?
- 19 A. I couldn't see any that -- I was pretty -- again, I was --
- 20 I was pretty focused on just trying to gain control of her arm.
- 21 I knew there was another officer about to have a flex cuff on
- 22 her.
- 23 Q. I think I saw in the video, and it was -- it wouldn't have
- 24 been a view of -- of an officer with his knee to the back of
- 25 Ms. Fallis's leg. Did you -- did you notice any officers

- 1 employing tactics such as that?
- 2 A. I can't say I did.
- 3 Q. Are you trained in those tactics?
- 4 A. Am I trained in like defensive tactics and things? Yes.
- 5 Q. And that would be to apply a lot of pressure to get the
- 6 suspect, the defendant to comply with law enforcement
- 7 directive?
- 8 A. I guess I can't speak for the training of whatever officer
- 9 you saw.
- 10 Q. But with all those officers around, you weren't the only
- one that had a physical hold of Ms. Fallis, correct?
- 12 A. I don't know. I mean, again, I'm very focused in trying
- to control this arm. I know there's other officers around me,
- 14 and I'm sure they're trying to gain control of her. Again, she
- was resisting the whole time, but I can't speak for how they
- 16 were doing that.
- 17 Q. You weren't able to observe what the other officers were
- doing, is what you're saying, more or less.
- 19 A. Correct, especially after the gunshots rang out. I -- and
- the struggle for the gun, I was pretty focused there.
- MR. BELLMORE: That's all the questions I have for
- 22 now.
- THE COURT: Sir, I have a couple of questions.
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1 <u>EXAMINATION</u>

- 2 BY THE COURT:
- 3 Q. From the perspective that you were at, what hand did she
- 4 engage with the weapon? Was it her right or her left, if you
- 5 know?
- 6 A. Your Honor, I believe it would have been her left arm that
- 7 was under her stomach that was -- that was doing the shooting.
- 8 Q. Because you were controlling the right arm?
- 9 A. Yep. I believe so, yep.
- 10 Q. And in response to Mr. Hagler's questions, you used the
- 11 words or the phrase, "continue shooting at us." Is that -- did
- 12 you reach the conclusion, if you were able to reach a
- conclusion, that she was purpose -- purposefully discharging
- 14 the weapon with the intent of shooting or scaring someone as
- opposed to it accidentally going off?
- 16 A. Oh, I have no doubt, Your Honor, that it was intentional,
- 17 and especially after I saw the gun and was able to try to -- I
- 18 had to struggle with her for a long period of time. She
- 19 wouldn't let go of it.
- 20 Q. During -- during the period of time from when you first
- 21 saw the gun or first became aware of a weapon because of the
- 22 discharge of the shots, was there any communication between you
- 23 and her or from other officers to her, directing her not to use
- the firearm or to stop, or whatever?
- 25 A. I -- I yelled -- I said "gun" when I saw it. Again,

- 1 the -- it was all pretty quick together, the quick two
- 2 succession shots, and then there's a little break, and then the
- 3 third shot. And then I saw it and I yelled -- I said "gun."
- 4 And when I grabbed on it, was struggling with her for it, I
- 5 told Deputy Thad Schmitt to put his gun on her, however I
- 6 verbalized that, because, again, I was concerned I was going to
- 7 lose grip. And I believe at that point I recall him saying
- 8 something like, "You need to let go of the gun or you're going
- 9 to get shot," something of that nature.
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Hagler?
- MR. HAGLER: I have no further questions, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore, anything further?
- MR. BELLMORE: No, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. You may be excused. Thank you,
- 15 sir.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.
- MR. HAGLER: Your Honor, I would call ATF Agent Derek
- 18 Hill at this time.
- 19 <u>DEREK HILL</u>,
- 20 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
- 21 follows:
- 22 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. HAGLER:
- 24 **Q.** Agent Hill, you're employed with which agency?
- 25 A. I'm a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

- 1 Firearms and Explosives out of the Bismarck satellite office.
- 2 Q. You testified at the preliminary hearing on this matter on
- 3 December 12th, correct?
- 4 A. Yes. I did.
- 5 Q. And you testified as to her Colorado 2003 conviction for
- 6 accessory to a crime that was admitted as Preliminary Hearing
- 7 Exhibit 1, correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 **Q.** What crime was she an accessory to?
- 10 A. Attempted first degree murder.
- 11 Q. In your review of the other law enforcement officers'
- 12 reports in this incident that were involved -- that were in the
- area at the time that the shooting occurred, did other officers
- 14 report that they felt they were either hit from debris due to
- the gunshots or felt a concussion from the gunshots?
- 16 A. Yes, there were.
- 17 Q. Do you know how many officers reported that?
- 18 A. I think approximately three. I know a North Dakota
- 19 trooper -- I'm not sure of pronunciation of his last name,
- 20 maybe Buehre or Beree (ph). He said he could feel the
- 21 concussion from the shots that went off. And then there was
- 22 another trooper, Mogan (ph) or Mugan, who said he could feel
- the dirt from the shot hit his pant legs, but at the time when
- the dirt hit it, he wasn't sure if it was actually from the
- 25 dirt or a round hitting his pant legs. And I believe there was

- another one or two that talked about feeling the concussion or
- 2 seeing -- I think one in particular said that they could see
- maybe some light smoke rising up from underneath Ms. Fallis's
- 4 stomach from when the shot went off -- the shots went off.
- 5 Q. Okay. I'm going to just show a short portion of this
- 6 video again, and at about 1:25 we'll see one of the officers
- 7 check his leg.
- 8 (Exhibit 2, the video, is again played in open
- 9 court.)
- 10 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) Do you see that right there --
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. -- Agent Hill? You testified at the preliminary hearing
- and we admitted exhibits showing the gun and some .38-caliber
- 14 rounds that were on some speed strips or speed loaders,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. I'm going to hand you what have been marked as
- 18 Government's Exhibits 5, 6 and 7. Are these photographs of
- 19 items that were also found on Ms. Fallis that day?
- 20 A. Yes, they were items that were recovered from her backpack
- 21 that she was wearing.
- 22 Q. And the photographs are fair and accurate depictions of
- those items that were found in the backpack?
- 24 A. Yes.
- MR. HAGLER: Your Honor, I would offer 5, 6 and 7.

- 1 THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore?
- MR. BELLMORE: No objection.
- THE COURT: Exhibits 5, 6 and 7 are received.
- 4 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) Exhibit 5 is what, Agent Hill?
- 5 A. It's a set of what we refer to as brass knuckles.
- 6 Q. What is Government's Exhibit 6?
- 7 A. Six is a can of Raid wasp and hornet spray.
- 8 Q. And what is Government's Exhibit 7?
- 9 A. Seven is a small knife in a black plastic sheath.
- 10 Q. Agent Hill, were -- are you aware of the fact that Ms.
- 11 Fallis was charged with criminal offenses in Morton County
- prior to this incident on October 27th?
- 13 A. Yes, I am.
- 14 **Q.** And what did your investigation show in that regard?
- 15 A. In August of this year, 2016, she was charged with a
- disorderly conduct, and that disorderly conduct was related to
- 17 protest activities that occurred in Morton County. She was
- 18 arrested, booked in, posted a bond and was released.
- Then in September of this year, of 2016, she was
- 20 arrested again for criminal trespass -- or arrested for
- 21 criminal trespass. This, again, was an activity related to
- 22 protest events that were going on. She was booked into the
- 23 Morton County jail, posted a bond and was released.
- 24 Q. So she had been released on bond on pending criminal
- charges at the time that this alleged offense occurred,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- MR. HAGLER: That's all the questions I have, Your
- 4 Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore?
- 6 <u>CROSS-EXAMINATION</u>
- 7 BY MR. BELLMORE:
- 8 Q. Agent Hill, you mentioned that there was a prior felony
- 9 conviction on Ms. Fallis's record, correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. You described that today as an accessory to attempted
- 12 first degree murder?
- 13 A. That's what the original Complaint was on it, correct.
- 14 Q. The original one, right, and that --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And the conviction was a Class 6 felony out of the state
- 17 of Colorado, right?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. We talked about that on the preliminary hearing. That
- 20 Class 6 felony in Colorado carries a maximum term of
- 21 imprisonment of 18 months.
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 **Q.** And that's not the sentence she received, though, is it?
- 24 A. That is not.
- 25 Q. Do you recall what -- that sentence she received in that

- 1 case?
- 2 A. I believe it was 30 months of supervised release,
- 3 probation.
- 4 Q. Any term of imprisonment associated with that?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 MR. BELLMORE: That's all the questions I have.
- 7 <u>EXAMINATION</u>
- 8 BY THE COURT:
- 9 Q. Do you know anything else about the circumstances of that
- offense in terms of who was killed, how the person was killed,
- 11 whether a firearm was involved?
- 12 A. I'm not aware. I only had the Complaint information to go
- by where it just spelled out in her charges to knowingly impede
- 14 and hinder the investigation into the individual that was
- 15 responsible for the crime.
- 16 THE COURT: Anything further of this witness,
- 17 Mr. Hagler?
- 18 MR. HAGLER: No, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore, anything as a result of my
- 20 questioning?
- MR. BELLMORE: Nothing further, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: You may be excused. Thank you, sir.
- MR. HAGLER: I have no further evidence to present,
- 24 Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore?

- MR. BELLMORE: May we have a moment, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: Sure.
- MR. BELLMORE: Your Honor, I have one witness.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay.
- 5 MR. BELLMORE: Ms. Red Dawn Fallis (sic).
- 6 <u>RED DAWN FOSTER</u>,
- 7 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
- 8 follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 10 BY MR. BELLMORE:
- 11 Q. Excuse me. I'm sorry, Red Dawn. I think I misspoke
- 12 referring to your name. Could you state the name for the
- 13 record, please?
- 14 A. Oh, Red Dawn Foster.
- 15 **Q.** Foster?
- 16 A. F-O-S-T-E-R.
- 17 **Q.** Thank you. And what is your address?
- 18 A. 3719 Arizona Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.
- 19 **Q.** And you know the defendant?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. How do you know her?
- 22 A. She is my first -- my first cousin; in Lakota way, my
- 23 little sister.
- 24 Q. How long have you known Redfawn?
- 25 A. Since she was born.

- 1 Q. And you live in Rapid City. Who do you live with there?
- 2 A. I live with our other relative, Arrow Banks.
- 3 Q. She go by another name?
- 4 A. Arrow Garnier. Sorry.
- 5 Q. What's the difference between those two names?
- 6 A. Her married name.
- 7 Q. Okay. Is that a home -- a house? Excuse me.
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. And how many people live in that house?
- 10 A. Three. Oh, and two children.
- 11 Q. And that's the residence with you that Redfawn would --
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 **Q.** -- be requesting to the Court?
- 14 **A.** Mm-hmm.
- 15 **Q.** Yes?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 **Q.** And that's something you're in agreement with?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Can you tell -- Arrow is not in the court -- courtroom
- 20 today, is she?
- 21 A. No, she is not. She had -- had to work, but she is in
- agreement, and we're both looking forward to it.
- 23 Q. And how old are you?
- 24 A. I am 42.
- 25 Q. And how old is Arrow?

- 1 A. Forty-two.
- 2 Q. Are there -- who else lives in the house?
- 3 A. She has another nurse that rents one of the rooms in the
- 4 basement, and I believe she's 26 years old. Her name is
- 5 Angelique.
- 6 Q. Angelique, to your knowledge, have a criminal history?
- 7 A. No, she does not.
- 8 Q. Does Arrow have a criminal record?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 **Q.** Do you?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 **Q.** Are there any firearms in the home?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Are you employed?
- 15 A. Yes, I am. I'm an independent consultant. I work for the
- 16 Oglala Sioux Tribe in economic development.
- 17 Q. And what do you do there?
- 18 A. I -- business solutions. I'm creating their
- 19 (unintelligible) sovereignty program for the tribe, as well as
- 20 other economic development projects.
- 21 Q. Essentially grant writing?
- 22 A. Grant writing is a part of it. Strategic planning and --
- 23 is the main component of it.
- 24 **Q.** And what's your educational background?
- 25 A. I have my undergrad from University of Colorado in

- 1 political science and my MBA from the University of Notre Dame
- 2 and with an emphasis on economic development.
- 3 Q. And what does Arrow do for a living? You mentioned she
- 4 worked.
- 5 A. Yes, she is a registered -- RN, and she also has her
- 6 Master's. She works at the IHS hospital in Rapid -- or in Pine
- 7 Ridge.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you have transportation?
- 9 A. Yes, I do.
- 10 Q. Do you own a vehicle?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 **Q.** Does Arrow own a vehicle?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. You came from Rapid City today.
- 15 A. I actually came from Denver today.
- 16 Q. Okay. So you have a car. You have the ability to
- 17 transport Redfawn if she has to make court appearances.
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 Q. And if I didn't ask, there's -- there's room for her in
- 20 the home?
- 21 A. Yes, there is. It's -- it's a large home.
- 22 Q. And I think you mentioned to me that there was possibility
- 23 that Redfawn could spend her time working for you?
- 24 A. Yes. As I'm -- was actually looking for an assistant to
- work on the strategic (unintelligible) for the tribe, and I

- 1 would like her to work on that project with me.
- 2 Q. Okay. You were down on Standing Rock during the -- say
- 3 the height of the protest, correct?
- 4 A. So I've -- I was running for state legislature in our
- 5 district in South Dakota, so I would come during the weekends
- 6 and, you know, bring just support and supplies like sleeping
- 7 bags and tents, so my time was spent going back and forth.
- 8 Q. And your time at Standing Rock was spent peacefully,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Absolutely.
- 11 Q. Okay. And if there's a condition or if Redfawn agreed
- 12 that she wouldn't go to Standing Rock, she wouldn't engage in
- any protests associated with the -- with the pipeline, you'd be
- 14 able to help -- help her abide by that?
- 15 A. Yes. Chairman Dave Archambault has asked everybody to
- leave, and I have not been back to the camp since he's
- 17 requested that, you know, people leave, and we've -- we do not
- 18 have plans to go back.
- MR. BELLMORE: That's all the questions I have.
- THE COURT: Mr. Hagler?
- 21 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. HAGLER:
- 23 Q. So in what timeframes were you at Standing Rock during
- 24 this protest time?
- 25 A. I was there in June, back and forth, July, September, just

- 1 throughout the -- you know, any time I had free time.
- 2 **Q.** Were you there in October?
- 3 A. I was there during October, yes. I went there on the
- 4 28th, so after I heard that -- I got a phone call saying that
- 5 my little sister had been like attacked and that I needed to
- 6 get down there because they were worried that she was injured,
- 7 and so when I came back, I started looking for her, and I
- 8 couldn't -- I couldn't find her. And I called a couple of the
- 9 police stations looking for her, and there was no information,
- 10 and so I sat three days there looking.
- THE COURT: Could you pull the microphone up to you
- 12 just a little bit? Thank you, ma'am.
- 13 Q. (MR. HAGLER CONTINUING) So were you -- were you aware in
- 14 any way of any -- the activity that she was engaging in at this
- 15 timeframe?
- 16 A. She worked -- she was certified as a medic. She went
- 17 through the medic training there, and I know that she was
- 18 working with the International Youth Council there. And
- 19 whenever I'd go, we'd help cook and just do different support
- 20 things and just assist with the kids. She's very empowering
- 21 with a lot of the youth, and I also work with youth, so I had
- some of my former students from the high school there, and so
- 23 just looking out for them. I work for the tribe, so part of my
- 24 duties was to come and look at the Oglala camp and make sure
- that everyone's, you know, needs were being met and everyone

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was in, you know, good spirits and --
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         what about any of the other protest activity that she was
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    engaged in? Were you aware of any of that?
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         I know that she was helping people on the front line
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    during -- during this time as a medic, and so -- and I had, you
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    know, taken water during some of the -- the direct action, you
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    know, prayer movements and --
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              MR. HAGLER: Okay. I have no other questions, Your
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    Honor.
              THE COURT: Mr. Bellmore?
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              MR. BELLMORE: No further questions.
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              THE COURT: Okay. You may be excused. Thank you,
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